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To Whom It May Concern:

I am responding to an article in the Deseret News dated 10-15-08 regarding Geneva Rock's proposal to expand mining operations at the point of the mountain quarry.

I recognize that sand is a necessary product in order to aid the growth of the valley and that this location certainly contains a lot of sand.

Have you ever watched on a windy day, the amount of particulate that enters the air from this site? Geneva already has 190 acres. As I drive by for miles all I can see is torn up earth. If there is a legitimate need to expand, why can't they mine a portion of the area and then reclaim it and move on? Why does there need to be mile after mile of open pit scarring?

This site is the first thing one encounters when one enters this valley from the south. Why can't Geneva be forced to mine to completion and then reclaim one section before they are granted more access to additional acreage?

I am not alone in my thoughts. I've lived in the south end of valley all my life, and I've talked with hundreds of people who feel the same.

If expansion is necessary, so is immediate reclamation of existing open scarred earth and that should be a requirement of this approval.

Thanks

  
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